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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

FROM: Herbert E. Hetu
Director of Public Affairs

SUBJECT: DCI Statement on SALT Monitoring

1. Last week I discussed with the DCI the public affairs aspects of the Intelligence Community's role in monitoring SALT and what the official response of the DCI and of my office ought to be. He agreed that it would be a good idea to have a public statement available for release on the first day he appears on the Hill to testify on this subject. The statement would also serve as our official answer to inquiries into the foreseeable future.

2. Attached is a statement which has been approved by the DCI. I wonder if he couldn't make this his opening statement on the Hill which would be identified as an unclassified portion of his testimony before going into closed session. That way the statement would also be released on the Hill.

3. In any case, I thought this would be a useful piece of paper for you to have. In addition to answering news queries we will also use it to answer the expected mail from private citizens asking about SALT.

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Herbert E. Hetu

Attachment: a/s

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